

**§ 83. Purposes of corporation**

The purposes of the corporation are to bind together for their mutual fellowship and assistance those citizens of the United States of America who have served their country in war, and who bear as a mark of such service the loss of their sight and to perpetuate and keep alive the memories of their comradeship and to enable them by their organization to render what aid they can to the blind in general.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 3, 43 Stat. 535.)

**§ 84. Powers of corporation**

The corporation created by this chapter shall have the following powers: To have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State and Territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations; to publish a magazine or other publications, and generally do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 4, 43 Stat. 536.)

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Penalty for unauthorized manufacture, reproduction, or sale of badges or emblems of veterans' organizations, see section 705 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

**§ 85. Membership**

Any honorably discharged American veteran of the allied forces who participated in the World War and whose vision has become defective to such an extent that he is eligible for training under Supervisor for the Blind of the Veterans' Administration, and any ex-service man who is eligible for such training shall be eligible for "active membership" in the United States Blind Veterans of the World War. The members of this corporation shall have the power to admit such other persons to "honorary" membership as they may see fit.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 5, 43 Stat. 536; July 3, 1930, ch. 863, § 1, 46 Stat. 1016.)

**CHANGE OF NAME**

Reference to Veterans' Administration deemed to refer to Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section 10 of Pub. L. 100-527, set out as a Department of Veterans Affairs Act note under section 301 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

"Veterans' Administration" substituted for "United States Veterans' Bureau" pursuant to act July 3, 1930, ch. 863, § 1, 46 Stat. 1016, which consolidated Bureau of Pensions, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and United States Veterans' Bureau into Veter-

ans' Administration. Act July 3, 1930, was repealed by section 2202(125) of Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 163. Section 201 of Pub. L. 85-56 continued Veterans' Administration as an independent establishment in executive branch of Government. See section 301 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

**§ 86. Nonpolitical nature of corporation**

This organization shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 6, 43 Stat. 536.)

**§ 87. Exclusive right to name**

The corporation and its State and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name "The United States Blind Veterans of the World War."

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 7, 43 Stat. 536.)

**§ 88. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

The right to repeal, alter, or amend this chapter at any time is expressly reserved.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 296, § 8, 43 Stat. 536.)

**CHAPTER 6A—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

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**§ 90a. Corporation created**

The following persons, to wit, Robert S. Marx, of Ohio; William J. Donovan, of New York; H. G. Lightner, of Kentucky; A. B. Powell, of Alabama; Glenn E. Miner, of Arizona; George H. H. Pratt, of Arkansas; Volney P. Mooney, junior, of California; A. E. Sherlock, of Colorado; Peter Nugent, of Connecticut; Miles H. Draper, of Florida; William E. Tate, of Georgia; Jesse J. McQueen, of Idaho; Herman H. Weimer, of Illinois; S. G. Smelser, of Indiana; Henry J. Bitters, of Iowa; E. C. Moore, of Kansas; L. C. Mayeux, of Louisiana; F. J. McCarthy, of Maine; George W. Golden, of Maryland; J. W. McQueen, of Missouri; Leon C. Waite, of Massachusetts; L. E. Sharp, of Michigan; George E. Leach, of Minnesota; Quintus E. Camp, of Mississippi; John W. Mahan, of Montana; Leonard D. Densmore, of Nebraska; I. A. Lougaris, of Nevada; E. P. Badger, of New Hampshire; W. J. Dodd, of New Jersey; Carl F. Whittaker, of New Mexico; Malcolm Smith, of North Carolina; H. J. Muehlenbein, of North Dakota; Fletcher Riley, of Oklahoma; Lile Dailey, of Oregon; J. J. O'Leary, of Pennsylvania; Arthur Cole, of Rhode Island; G. G. Blackman, of South Carolina; Albert Hauge, of

South Dakota; Reuben D. Hays, of Tennessee; M. A. Harlan, of Texas; Gaylen S. Young, of Utah; Malvern S. Ellis, of Vermont; George D. Simmons, of Virginia; Miles Price, of Washington; W. J. O'Neil, of West Virginia; Reverend G. Stearns, of Wisconsin; and such persons as may be chosen who are members of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, and their successors, are created and declared to be a body corporate. The name of this corporation shall be the "Disabled American Veterans."

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §1, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §1, 56 Stat. 659.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1942—Act July 15, 1942, substituted "Disabled American Veterans" for "Disabled American Veterans of the World War".

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 90b of this title.

### § 90b. Completion of organization

The said persons named in section 90a of this title, and such other persons as may be selected from among the membership of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, an unincorporated patriotic society of the wounded and disabled soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Great War of 1917–1918, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of said corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter, at which meeting any person duly accredited as a delegate from any local or State organizations of the existing unincorporated organization known as the Disabled American Veterans of the World War shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings thereof.

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §2, 47 Stat. 320.)

### § 90c. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of this corporation shall be—

To uphold and maintain the Constitution and the laws of the United States, to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought; to advance the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans; to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans; to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country; and to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §3, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §2, 56 Stat. 660; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(2), 105 Stat. 278.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-54 substituted "Department of Veterans Affairs" for "United States Veterans' Administration".

1942—Act July 15, 1942, struck out references to veterans "of the World War" and inserted "to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country;".

### § 90d. Powers of corporation

The corporation created by this chapter shall have the following powers: To have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State and Territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations; to publish a newspaper or other publications devoted to the purposes of the corporation; and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §4, 47 Stat. 321.)

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Penalty for unauthorized manufacture, reproduction, or sale of badges or emblems of veterans' organizations, see section 705 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Recognition by Secretary of Veterans Affairs of representatives of Disabled American Veterans for prosecution of claims under laws administered by Department of Veterans Affairs, see section 5902 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

### § 90e. Membership

Any man or woman who was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in line of duty during time of war while in the service of either the military or naval forces of the United States of America, and who has been honorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States, is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. Others who were disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nations associated with the United States as allies during any of its war periods, who are American citizens and who were honorably discharged, are also eligible. The Disabled American Veterans shall not have honorary members.

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §5, 47 Stat. 321; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §3, 56 Stat. 660.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1942—Act July 15, 1942, struck out limitation on membership to disabled veterans of World War I, among other changes.

### § 90f. Nonpolitical nature of corporation

The organization shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and as an organization shall not promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

(June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §6, 47 Stat. 321; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §4, 56 Stat. 660.)